

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claim:

Encls. B1 18. (Amended) A method of suppressing blast effects associated with detonation of an explosive device, said method comprising the steps of:

inserting said explosive device into a blast container comprising a-d, said a-d comprising:

(a) an outer containment vessel, adapted to rest either on one end or one side, said outer vessel including an outer access port;

(b) an inner containment vessel positioned completely within said outer vessel, said inner containment vessel including an inner access port;

(c) a means for suspending the explosive device within said inner containment vessel; and

(d) a means for rotating at least one vessel with respect to the other;

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engaging said rotating means;

whereby engagement of said rotating means causes at least one of said containment vessels to rotate from a position wherein said inner access port is aligned with said outer access port to a position wherein said inner access port has been rotated from about 90 to about 180 degrees with respect to said outer access port such that debris, blast pressure, and fireball from explosion of an explosive device within said inner vessel are safely contained or severely mitigated.

Please add the following claim:

19. (New) A container for an explosive device comprising;
an outer containment vessel, adapted to rest either on one end or one side, said outer vessel including an outer access port;

an inner containment vessel positioned completely within said outer vessel, said inner containment vessel including an inner access port;

one or more access valves which permit sampling post-detonation contents of the container for purposes of analysis;